# GAINES BILL

Charlotte Member Would Relieve Tobacco Growers From Tax on Their Products.

THE MATTER WENT OVER

Many Bills and Resolutions Offered in Legislature on Yesterday.

Hon. Berkley D. Adams, of Charlotte, yesterday offered in the House, through his friend, Mr. Bridgforth, of Lunenburg, a joint resolution, which will be of pe-culiar interest to the tobacco growing sections of the State.

Mr. Adams is confined to his home by sickness, and the resolution went over to Rwait his recovery. It provides for calling on the Virginia representatives in Congress to support the bill offered by Congressman Gaines, of Tennessee, allowing tobacco growers to dispose of their own products without tax, and

"Whereas tobacco raising is the chief occupation of farmers in a large portion of Virginia, and whereas the existing

of Virginia, and whereas the existing conditions surrounding the sale of their product by the tobacco growers are rulnous to them; and whereas we believe that the Federal law regarding the sale of his product by the tobacco grower contributes largely towards impoverishing the producers, by aiding and fostering the producers, by aiding and fostering gigantic monopolies, that are robbing him of the profits of his labor and gradually sapping the life of this great occupation in Virginia; and "Whereas the present Federal law, depriving the farmer of the right to sell his own tobacco to the consumer, without the payment of an unjust and probbitive tax to the Federal Government, is both uppressive and unjust to the tobacco growers; and whereas the removal of this unjust tax, we believe, would aid the farmers in getting a living price for their tobacco, and provent, to some extent at least, the fixing of the price of their tobacco by any trust or monopoly, as is now done, without regard to the law of supply and demand, and contrary to all the laws of equitable exchange and trade; and "Whereas the Hon, J. W. Gaines, of

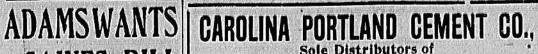
and "Whoreas the Hon J. W. Gaines, of Tennessee, has introduced a bill in the Congress of the United States, having full its purpose the abolition of this tax; now,

Congress of the United States, having for the purpose the abolition of this tax; now, therefore, be it "Resolved by the House of Delegates of Virginia, the Senate concurring. That our representatives in both branches of the Congress of the United States are requested and urged to put forth every effort to secure the passage of the Gaines bill, or secure the enactment of some law which in their judgment will operate to relieve the tobacco growers of an unjust tax and give them an opportunity to sell their own tobacco upon the market in the leaf, stemmed Uninstemmed, or stemmed and hand-twisted, or stemmed and hand-ressed, or hand-twisted, or hand-pressed, without license or payment of tax of any kind."

#### PULLMAN CAR BILL.

Mr. Ould, of Campbell, Would Prevent Negroes From Riding. Hon. Eugene Ould, of Campbell, offered in the House yesterday a bil! designed to give Pullman car conductors the right to reject passengers applying for berths in their sleepers.

The bill, which reads as follows, is increase of business.



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really offered to prevent the hauling of negroes on these cars:

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia. That the Pullman Company, its agents, conductors or employes, or any other company, its agents, conductors or employes, operating in this State, the business of such company being to operate sleeping dining, palace and compartment cars, on the railroads in this State, be, and they are hereby, empowered to reject and to refuse admittance to any and all persons to enterinto and ride in such alseping, dirang, palace and compartment cars, when, in the discretion of said company, its conductors, agents or employes, it may be activitied and recessary to do so." ductors, agents or employes, it may be advisable and necessary to do so."

Whipping Post Again.

Dr. Daniel, of Surry, offered in the House yesterday the following bill, de-signed to ravive the whipping post in

signed to revive the winping, jost in Virginia:

"Any person who shall be convicted of the larceny of goods and chattels or the personal effects of another to the amount of \$5 or less may, at the discretion of the court or trial justice before whom the case is tried, be punished with not more than thirty-nine nor less than fifteen stripes."

Exempt State Officers.

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There was a bill of considerable public interest offered in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Phlegar, of Montgomery, which is designed to repeal the law in relation to the garnishment of the salaries of all State officers and employes. This exemption would include members of the Legislaure as well as all other officers of the State.

The bill contains the following emergency clause:

"An emergency exists in the necessity to prevent an interference with the due and orderly administration of the State government, and this get shall be in force from its passage."

Remove Washington.

The Finance Committee of the House yesterday favorably reported the bill offered by General Charles J. Anderson of this city, for the removal of the House of Washington from the roof this city, for the removal of the nou-don statue of Washington from the ro-tunda of the Capitol for purposes of safety, pending the building of a new structure. The bill was amended at the instance of General Anderson, so as to reduce the amount appropriated from \$2,000 to \$1,000.

Mr. Addison Doing Well. Mr. John Addison, of Allison's Addison, No. 1322 East Cary Street, who slipped on the sidewalk last Priday and fractured his hip, is doing very nicely, nowithstanding the paintuiness of the injury. Dr. Stuart McGuire is attending him,

Business Increases.

The Southern Paper Company has moved into very commodious quarters at Eleventh and Cary Streets, a change of

## A HOLIDAY

Both Branches of the General Assembly Celebrated Washington's Birthday Thus.

PROTECT STATE OFFICERS

Mr. Phlegar Offers Bill to Guard Them Against Garnishment. Other Bills.

Both branches of the General Assembly yesterday devoted their sessions to clearing up the calendar. There was hardly more than a comfortable quorum of members of either house, and so nothing but uncontested bills were acted on The Senate passed but one bill, and ordered a dozen or more others to their engrossment. The House passed two Senate bills and a dozen House bills, none of them of especial interest or import-

ance.

The chief interest of the session consisted in the bills offered in the two houses or reported from committees. The birthday of Washington was signalized by a favorable report to the House of Mr. Anderson's bill to provide for the preservation of the Housen statue of Washington.

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Among the interesting bills offered is one by Mr. Ould, of Campbell, designed to exclude negroes from riding in Pull-

to exclude negroes from runing in Full-man cars.

Mr. Daniel offered a bill to provide for punishment by whipping in cases of certain specified small crimes.

In the Senate, Mr. Phiegar, offered a bill to repeal the act of 1001-2-3-4, in re-lation to garnishment, so as to give State officers and employes immunity from garnishment. The measure was offered as an emergency one. It was stated that a member of the General Assembly was about to be, or had been, subjected to a member of the General Assembly was about to be, or had been, subjected to garnishment, and had nothing left on which to live. The name of the momber in question could not be learned. Under the present law the Governor. Lieutenant-Governor, judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals, or any other officer, is subject to garnishment.

In the House the appropriation bill was made a special order for 12:30 each day until disposed of. The bill is a voluminous one, and will consume considerable time in consideration.

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The Senate.

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There were just twenty-three senators present when President pro tempore Wickham called the Senate to order. Lieutenant-Governor Willard had gore to Alexandria to attend the Washington celebration. Despite the fact that this was a State and national holiday, commemorating the birth of the greatest Virginian, the Senate not only held a session, but put in a fairly good day's work. Two or vix new bills were offered and referred to the propor committees. The Senate passed but one bill, and that an unimportantione, amending the Code so as to provide Tof the designation of judges of circuits and city courts, where the judge is disqualified or unwilling to sit.

There was no discussion during the session of an hour and a half, the only thing savoring of a speech even being a statement by Mr. Campbell, of Bedford, as to the grounds of his opposition to the Senate bill to prohibit non-resi-

a statement by Mr. Campbell, of Bedford, as to the grounds of his opposition to the Senate bill to prohibit non-residents becoming stockholders in companies organized to catch cysters and fish. Hadisapproved of the policy outlined by the bill, and so stated.

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When the House bill in relation to bountles on the scalps of crows was taken up, Mr. Opic offered an amendment, proposing to insert after the word "crows" the words "and mosquitoes." The saroastic amendment is indicative of the opposition to the bill by many senators. The bill was passed by.

The Senate ordered to engrossment a number of Senate and House bills, but passed by those whose patrons were absent and likewise those against which any opposition developed.

Mr. Harman, of Tazewell, asked to have the Committee on Public Institutions discharged from consideration of his bill in relation to the establishment of a system of paroles and empowering the penitertiary board to grant such parole to convicts on certain conditions. The committee was discharged and the bill went on the calendar.

The same gentleman called attention to the fact that the Senate bill in relation to public free schools imposed pertain duties on the division superintentants.

tion to public free schools imposed cer-tain duties on the division superinten-dents of schools, whereas there is no such superintendents, and will not be until two months after the session ad-journs. He suggested to Mr. Keezell, patron of the bill, the insertion of the words "or county superintendents." This was done

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The Senate bill proposing an appropriation of \$25,000 for a heat, light and power plant for the State buildings was made a special order for to-morrow at 12:30, on motion of its patron, Senator Ander

son.

Mr. Thomas's (Senate) bill to provide a commission to investigate the methods of accounting employed in the State by its various officers and employes was passed by in its patron's absence, after the committee amendment thereto had been read. This amendment provides for a

committee amendment thereto had been read. This amendment provides for a commission of two from the Senate and three from the House.

Among the senators in their seats after brief absence was Mr. St. Clair. of Glies, in whose family there has been illness, and Mr. Noel, of Lee county.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

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By Mr. Phiegar: To repeal an act to provide for the garnishment and levy of execution on wages and salaries of the State officials, clerks and senflower. The second section of the bill reads thus: "An emergency exists in the bill reads of the secondary of the secondary of the least of the bill of the bill of the secondary of the second

anniversary of the great lather of the country.

On motion of Mr. Boaz, the general appropriation bill was made a special order for 12:80 o'clock to-day, Mr. Adams offered a joint resolution which went over for the present, calling upon the Virginia representatives in Congress to support the Gaines bill to remove the tax on abbacco hundled by the producer.

Bills Offered The following bills were offered and referred:

y Mr. Howler To provide for an election on question of establishing a dispensery for sale of 'liquor in the town of Windsor. y Mr. Otto To authorize Pulman car contions to decline to take occasin passences their discretion. (The bill is almod at profung negroes from riding on Pulman slop-

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BENATE HILLS PASSED.

To amend and re-enact rections 2 and 3 of chapter 5 and sections 40 and 85 of chapter 5 to the property of the property of the property of the property of the Additions, which is contained in chapter 20 of the Additional Assembly for extra session

proved January 11, 1894, in relation to selections and peremptory challenge of jupers in civil cases.

For working the roads and building and repairing the bridges in Caroline county.

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For working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges in the country of Appoint of the country of Appoint of the constitution of the country of Appoint of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by action 189 of the Constitution, approved April 18, 1903, as amended by an act entitled "an act to risis revenue," etc., approved December 12, 1903, as amended by an act entitled "an act to risis revenue," etc., approved December 12, 1903 as amended by an act entitled "an act or risis revenue," etc., approved December 12, 1904 section 2693 of the Code of Virginia, in reference to posting lists of fiduciaries by commissioners of a counts.

To amend and re-enact section 2690 of the Code of Virginia, in reference to posting lists of fiduciaries by commissioners of accounts.

To require assignees of judgments to cause assignments to be entered upon the judgment dockst.

To range and re-enact sections \$90 and \$21 of an act to amend and re-enact title 12 of the Code of Virginia, so as to provide for the punishment of accessories after the fact. To amend and re-enact section 2555 of the Code of Virginia, so as to provide for the punishment of accessories after the fact. To amend and re-enact section 2555 of the Code of Virginia, so as to provide for the punishment of accessories after the fact of the Code of Virginia, so as to provide for the punishment of accessories after the fact of the Code of Virginia, so as to provide for the punishment of accessories after the fact the code of the punishment of accessories after the fact the code of the punishment of accessories after the fact the code of the punishment of accessories after the fact the code of the ponses of such custody, and their discharge therefrom. To authorize persons appointed to office in vacation by the judges of circuit courts to qualify before the elerk of such court in his office, as well as before the judge thereof in

vacation by the judges of circuit courts to qualify before the clerk of such court in his office, as well as before the judge thereof in vacation.

To authorize C. H. Gwaliney, W. H. Berryman George A. Savedge and others to creet a wharf on James River, in Surry county. The such and the summar of the county of the commonwealth, or to hereafter establish any such hospital or pet-houses within fifty yards of any street, public park or public oemetery in any city, town or county of the Commonwealth, or to hereafter establish any such hospital of the pet-house public road, public park or cemetery in any county of the Commonwealth.

To amend and re-enact section 3916 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 24, 1993.

To authorize the erection of a bronse statue of Governor William Smith un the Capitol Square, in the city of Board Medical Examination.

To amend and re-enact section 266 of the Code of Virginia, and to repeal section 507 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal section 507 of the Code of Virginia.

To rapeal section 2507 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by act approved March 3, 1398.

To amend and re-enact section 248 and 2618 of the control of the city of Richmond as press ribad by an act approved February 20, 1858, entited in an act approved Archive for the city of Richmond on the code of the code of Virginia and the code of the code of Virginia and the code of the code of Virginia and the code of Virginia and

#### HELPING THE POOR.

Fine Work in Their Behalf by the Associated Charities.

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The associated charities are doing a fine work in behalf of the poor of the city. This fact is well set forth in the following letter to The Times-Dispatch:

Richmond, Va., Feb. 20, 1904.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I would like to let the good people of Richmond know what we are doing and how we are kept from doing all we would by not having funds enough. We now have an office at No. 821 East Main Street. Every one who is in need of help is assisted as far as we can. Of course, our district ladies investigate every case, and we do all we can for them. We have

is assisted as far as we can. Of course, our district lades investigate every case, and we do all we can for them. We have already given out 1,376 half tons of coal this winter, and that is not all that is needed. I have calls from three to six to eight people every day—some with seven and eight little ones, out of overything, and no one to look to. Sometimes it is awful to see to what destitution some of them have come.

I have given out all of, the clothing I had on hand, and now am so much in need, for I have so many needy little ones without sufficient clothing to cover them. We also need money to help in other ways. If the generous public would only come forward now and help these good women and men who are trying to alleviate all the suffering and needy wants of these poor people, what a blessing it would be to all. This has been a hard winter, and the wants have been great. So much sickness and so many out of work. Now cannot the kind and generous people, who have so many blessings bestowed upon them, come to the aid of these of our Father's poor little ones and help in money and clothes? Anything sent to my office, No. \$21 East Main Street, will be so thanktuly received.

Secretary Associated Charilles. No. \$21 East Main Street, will be so thanktuly received.

Woman's Committee on Con-

vention.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Chirral Committee on convention in the 7. M. C. A. Auditorium this afternoon at four o'clock. As the convention is just ten days off, every member of all the committees is urged to be present. No stone should be left unturned, not only to make the convention welcome, but also to thoroughly entortain same. The young men should readily find entertainmen' in the best homes of our city, and should be sent away with every good impression possible.

The opening reception will be held is the Second Presbyterian Church Thursday night, March 3d, and will be addressed by Governor Montague and others. Polis Miller has just wired that he will also be present.

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#### DEEPWATER ROAD CARRIES ITS POINT

Gains an Entrance Into the Flat Top Coal-

Fields.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLUEFIBLD, W. VA., Feb. 22.—In the Circuit Court at Princeton Saturday the celebrated case of the Deepwater Railway Company, complainants, against the Norfolk and Western Railway Company and others, defendants, was decided in favor of the Deepwater Company. The two railway companies have been ensaged in a desperate struggle for rights of way at several politic in this county, and the fight has attracted much attention and interest. The Deepwater Company has for some time been seeking an entrance to the Flat Top coal fields, and this decision gives them right of way to the heart of the coal fields.

LOST HER RUDDER.

Accident to the Comanche Off Charleston Harbor.

Charleston Harbor.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON. S. C. Feb. 22.—The
Clyde steamer Comanche, Captain Platt,
bound from New York to Charleston and
Jacksonville, lost her rudder about 1
o'clock yesterday afternoon, three miles
off Charleston bar, and the fog being
heavy, dropped anchor and remained there
all night, This morning the Arapahoe, of
the same line, bound in from Jacksonville,
spoke the Comanche, and on arriving lare
sent tugs to her relief. The Comanche
was towed into the harbor and docked
without trouble. Captain Platt is unable
to account for the loss of the rudder, and
does not know whether or not it was defective. Save the loss of the rudder, the
ship is unlurt. Some of the 175 passengers went to Jacksonville this afternoon
by rail; others will go to-morrow by the
steamer Seminole.

TOOK FRENCH LEAVE INSTEAD OF BATHS

(By Associated Press.)

ANNISTON, ALA., Feb. 22.-Eight prisoners made their escape from the city fall here early to-day, and at a late hour had not been recaptured. They were put in the jail corridors to take baths, being left there while the warden attended to duties in another part of the jail. The men pried open a window and dropped fifteen feet to the ground. Acting Warden Boselle has been suspended on account of the escape. Several of the escaped prisoners were serving long sentences for misdemennors.

The Swayne Trial.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 22.—The
subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee
of the House of Representatives, which
held three sessions here investigating
the onergee against Federal Judge
Ewayne, adjourned to-day to meet in

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Washington March 8th, when it will report its findings to the Judiciary Committee,

Union Service.

A union Lenter service will be held at 5 Cclock this afternoon at the Caurds of the Holy Comforter, Grove Avenue and Rowland Street.

Wins Racquet Championship,
(By Associated Press,)
BOSTON, Feb. 22—George A. Brooks,
of Philadelphia, won the Maques chambplonship of the United States to-day, by
defeating Quincy A. Shaw, Ir., of the

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## MR. BRYAN COMING THIS MORNING

Nebraska Leader to Deliver Lecture at the Academy,

To-night.
Colonel W. J. Bryan will arrive in the city this morning at 8:80 c'clock on the Seaboard Air Line train from Raleigh, N. C., and will deliver to-night at the Academy of Music his lecture on

'The Value of an Ideal." Mr. Bryan will stop at the Jefferson Hotel, and will speak under the auspices Hotel, and will speak under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Tickets to the lecture were being rapidly sold at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday, and will be on sale at the box office of the Academy after 7 o'clock to-night.

Colonel Bryan will, after getting breakfast at the Jefferson and taking a little rest, drive about the-city to see the points of interest, and will likely call upon the Governor.

The lecture, while not strictly a political one, will be heard with interest by

The lecture, while not strictly a point-cal one, will be heard with interest by those in public life, owing to the strong personality of the distinguished speaker. Message after message has been re-ceived at the association building in-quiring if ladies will attend. Hundreds of ladies will be there, It will be one of the most intellectual audiences ever assembled in the Academy.

ssembled in the Academy. Special attention is called to the fact Special attention is called to the fact that members of the association course must exchange their coupons No. 9 at the association building to-day. This must be done before 7 o'clock this evening, as the charts go to the Academy at that hour. Reserved seats can be secured at the association building, Main and Sixth Birects, up to 7 o'clock, should the sup-ply last so long, but at the rate they are going now, the standing room sign will be out before the lecture begins.

#### DWYER AND CARROLL.

Contest With Englishman for Next Monday Night.

Joseph Carroll, an Englishman, is to meet Mr. Dwyer, who last week demeet Mr. Dwyer, who last week defeated Pardello, the Italian giant. Mr.
Carfoll is now at the Knickerbocker
Athletic Club, New York, and as soon as
hearing of the outcome of the PardelloDwyer contest, he wrote to Mr. Dwyer,
challenging him for a wrestle, two falls
out of three, to a finish, the contest to
take place in this city. The Englishman
has been conducting a special class at the
Knickerbocker, New York.

Mr. Dwyer was prompt to accept Carroll's challenge, and naming next Monday
night, February 29th, as the date. The

roll's challenge, and naming next Monday night, February 29th, as the date. The match comes off at the Academy of Music, as did the other. "Mr. Carroll," declared Mr. Dwyer, "weighs 165 pounds, just my weight. Where I had to work like a Trojan to throw the Italian around, I will have in this match skill and brains to meet as strength—not beef. "Carroll is to try for middle weight benors and to finish an American sea-

honors and to finish an American season. He returns to England soon Herrick, of the New York Athletic Club, writes that he cannot leave his classes

Disappeared From Home. Charles C. Curry, a puddler, who was working on Belle Isle, left his home on December 19, 1903, and since that time his family have heard nothing of his where-

abouts.

It was at one time said he probably went to West Point, but this story is not credited.

He is about thirty-two years old, five feet ten inches high, weighs 185 pounds, sandy mustache and olive complexion.

There are two scars on his neck and one of his arms is tattooed with pictures of of his arms is tattooed with pictures of two women. He was a Richmond man and was well known here. His wife is left with one child and is much alarmed by his mysterious absence.

Any information concerning the whereabouts of the man will be gladly received.

by Mrs. A. B. Curry, No. 2012 East Working on Budget. The subcommittee on finance, having charge of making up the annual budget for the year 1904, met last night, and considered their work for some time. The body will likely be ready to report to the general committee by the middle of next work

Mr. Yowell Here. Mr. R. B. Yowell, general agent of the Cosmopolitan Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, Ill., which recently absorbed the Royal Tribe of Joseph, has garab. springrieid, iii., which recently absorbed the Royal Tribe of Joseph, has estab-lished headquarters hore, and is appoint-ing agents for the Cosmopolitan through-out the State.

### NO HIGH WATER IS EXPECTED HERE

Little Rise at Columbia, But the Danger Line Has Been Passed.

The condition of the river here was practically unaffected by the heavy rains of Sunday night, and it was the judgment of those in close touch with the situation last night that no apprehension need be entertained of Anything like a freshet. There was a slight rise in the river at Columbia, but it was hardly perceptible in Recketts and other points perties oity. The snow in the mountains was not of sufficient depth to cause any considerable rise in the river, and there was a feeling of safety when this became known last night. The weather yesterday was almost as balmy as the spring-time, but "Farmer" Bvans prodicted much colder conditions for to-day. Richmond people really enjoyed the brief surcease from the bitter cold yesterday, and in the middle of the day at least, heavy wraps were discarded. The weather of forecast for to-day is clear and much colder for Virgina. Persons residing or having properly in the lower part of the oily were anxious all yesterday concerning the probability of a freshet, but records from Columbia and alsewere less, hight were of such a gature as to allay these fears. The condition of the river here was

# WORKED ON

came from the Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation, and with an amendment proposed by the patron, making the aim \$1,000 instead of \$2,000. It was considered something of a coincidence that this action was taken when the American nation was celebrating the anniversary of the great father of his country.